



DIALOGUE 33. Busy in the kitchen

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BILLY: Mummy! Are you busy?

MOTHER: Yes. I'm in the kitchen.

BILLY: Can I go swimming in Chichester with Jim this morning?

MOTHER: Jim?

BILLY: Jim English. He's living with Mr and Mrs Willis in the village - Spring Cottage.

MOTHER: Isn't it a bit chilly to go swimming?

BILLY: What's this? Can I pinch a bit of it?

MOTHER: Oh, Billy, you little pig! It's figgy pudding. Get your fingers out of it!

BILLY: Women are so silly! I only dipped a little finger in.

MOTHER: Well, it's a filthy little finger. Here, tip this chicken skin into the bin and I'll give you a biscuit.